GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ANTI TB DRUGS
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the four drugs combination of Anti-TB drugs is proposed to be included in WHO list of essential drugs;

(b) if so, whether the Technical Advisory Committee has recommended to ban such combination;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir. WHO has recently proposed to include four drugs combination of anti-TB drugs, where bio-availability can be ensured.

(b) to (d) The Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) has recommended that manufacturers ofthese drugs should conduct bio-equivalence studies on their formulations.